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The following Tudeh Party instructions were issued on 18 January 1954 concerning the elections:

1. The election issue is the essential problem of the day. Orders have been given to all responsibles that, since the Zahedi Government (as mentioned in a Central Committee statement) will undoubtedly prevent the election of Party members, and since the National Front has not given its official consent to form a coalition,<sup>2</sup> comrades participating in united committees, or by other means, must approach people to explain this situation and to invite them to cooperate with the Party in its election campaign. Neutrals, especially, must be approached.
2. The Party has no candidates,<sup>2</sup> and for the time being, it will vote in favor of progressive nominees who would generally accept our views. The Party, after taking a referendum, decided that a boycott of the elections would be unwise.<sup>3</sup> On the other hand, the Party decided it was inadvisable to participate directly in the elections or to have independent nominees. Consequently, the Party concluded that it should cooperate "in practice" with progressive elements of the National Front, and vote for candidates who are competent and progressive from the Party's point of view.
3. The above resolution indicates the extent of Party respect for the interests of Iran, without considering ideological differences between the Party and other groups.
4. During the election campaign, Party members should seek the cooperation of "simple" members of national bourgeoisie parties. Party members should voluntarily aid the national bourgeoisie in towns and villages in awakening peasants.

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Besides the Party members now residing in the provinces, who are obligated to obey Party instructions, a number of comrades will be sent from Tehran to the villages to direct peasants in the elections.

5. Party responsibles ought to dispatch members experienced in dealing with peasants to the villages to persuade peasants to cooperate with the National Front, and the delegates should explain the necessity for this cooperation.
6. The question of free elections should be discussed at schools workshops, and universities, from the point of view of the National Resistance.<sup>4</sup>

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